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### **TWO BROTHERS AGREE ON ARMY**

**MILWAUKEE (July 30, 2002)** – Picture this scenario. Reporter sent to get story on two brothers who have enlisted in the Army. Reporter thinks it will be a story of brotherly love. Reporter finds strong case of sibling rivalry.

Without a doubt, the Beyer brothers – Matthew, 18, and Aaron, 19 – from Chilton, Wis. have a competitive spirit. In fact, they may be “full to capacity” in that regard. That is exactly what this reporter found when attempting to discover who first had the idea to join the Army. It seemed like a simple question. After review of the facts, it appeared that the older brother, Aaron, initially considered the Army over a year ago. But Matthew made the first move to enlist by contacting Sgt. Shawn Whitney at the Army Recruiting Station in Menasha. While Matthew was the first to officially enlist, Aaron will be the first to head to basic training. Each brother continued to debate that he was the first to have the idea. Reporter decides question is better left unanswered.

What Matthew and Aaron Beyer did agree on was that the Army offered several opportunities that were ultimately responsible for their enlistment. The brothers are equally interested in improving their physical strength and both look forward to traveling outside Wisconsin. But, overall, Matthew and Aaron are looking forward to the money (up to \$50,000) they will receive for college through the Army College Fund. Through Army training, Matthew will develop his mechanical skills working on Army helicopters. He plans to go to college for automotive mechanics and dreams of building his own custom car. Following basic training, Aaron will make his Army start in the Infantry and hopes to become an Army Ranger. His vocational interest is graphic animation and visual effects and plans to utilize these college funds to secure that interest.

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While this reporter believes there to be an equal amount of brotherly love to match their competitive relationship, the rivalry was something that could not be overshadowed. Whitney listened with a grin as this reporter asked the boys that initial, fateful question about who decided to join the Army first.

“They’ve been rivals on everything,” explained Whitney, referring to their Army entrance test scores and their discussions to date. “But, I believe this rivalry will help them by pushing them to try harder to excel in the Army. The competition between the two will be good for them and the Army.”

Matthew and Aaron are the sons of Daniel and Susan Beyer, Appleton. For additional information about the opportunities available through the Army or Army Reserve, please contact Sgt. Shawn Whitney at (920) 727-1701, call or visit your local recruiting station, or visit [www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com).

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